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Dr. Gerry Henningsen
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Dear Gerry:

As you may know, Region VIII of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and Utah's Department of Environmental Quality have entered into negotiations with the Kennecott Corporation to conduct a comprehensive environmental clean-up of Kennecott properties in the Oquirrh Mountains of Utah, and any contamination which may have migrated to nearby areas.

During the course of these negotiations, the question of action levels was raised several times. The parties chose to defer this question until the issues could be thoroughly examined by experts. To that end, the parties agreed to form a "Risk Assessment Task Force" to provide a forum whereby experts could discuss issues and contribute their individual views to EPA. Task Force membership would include representatives from EPA, UDEQ and Kennecott, plus local experts.

I would like to invite you to be a member of the Risk Assessment Task Force and participate in our first meeting April 8, 9 am - noon, Rm 284, DERR (front building 1950 W North Temple). There are two main items to be discussed: (1) What should be the risk assessment strategy for the site? (2) What assumptions should we re-evaluate at the site?

There has been some interest expressed in a field trip on April 7, to visit Utah State University facilities. There is some interest in conducting experiments on uptake of heavy metals into vegetables from soils contaminated by mining wastes. Dr. Henningsen of EPA will be sending you other information about the potential field trip and the agenda for the April 8 meeting later.

I hope you can find the time to help us by participating in this task force. Please call me if you have questions about the task force or the project.

Sincerely,

Eva J. Hoffman, Ph.D. Remedial Project Manager

